

# Roblin's Government Is Defeated In Manitoba

## Liberals And CCF Vote On Financial Program

WINNIPEG (CP)—The minority Progressive Conservative government of Premier Duff Roblin was defeated 30 to 26 today in a vote of confidence in the Manitoba legislature. Mr. Roblin did not indicate when he will ask for dissolution.

The 19 Liberal-Progressives and 11 CCF members of the Opposition combined to defeat the government on the question of how it should present its financial program. The Conservatives were supported by Mayor Stephen Juba of Winnipeg, independent member of the House for the Winnipeg constituency of Logan.

Speaker A. W. Harrison, a Conservative, does not have a vote in the 57-member House.

Mr. Roblin said: "I recognize that in the vote that has just been taken the government has lost the confidence of the House. I regret that the Opposition would not accept the statement of the government that it would continue with the supply debate." Opposition members jeered at this remark.

"You can jeer all you want to," said Mr. Roblin. "You will have the next six weeks to tell the public about it."

After Mr. Roblin's statement and a brief discussion of what the House should do next, members went into committee to consider interim supply—the money needed to run the province in the first two weeks of the 1953-54 fiscal year starting Wednesday. Interim supply is necessary because the government's whole financial program has not been approved.

ASKS SUSPEND RULE

The showdown came on Mr. Roblin's motion that House rule 23 be suspended to allow him to give his budget speech. The rule requires that the debate on the speech from the throne be concluded before a budget is presented and throne speech debate still is under way.

Mr. Roblin rejected an amendment of his motion, moved by Opposition Leader D. L. Campbell, who preceded Mr. Roblin as premier.

## Nfld. Union Terms Said To Be Vague

By HAROLD MORRISON  
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OTTAWA (CP)—The designers of union may have been a bit vague in setting up the marriage contract between Canada and Newfoundland.

Heart of a current financial squabble marring the 10th anniversary of Confederation is a 124-word sentence, now the subject of conflicting interpretations.

Even a royal commission wasn't too sure of the exact meaning of the controversial Article 29 in the contract which bound Newfoundland as Canada's 10th province April 1, 1949. It finally had to settle on drawing some of its own assumptions.

This item in the Confederation agreement—centre of the latest hassle between the Diefenbaker and Smallwood governments—apparently was designed to indicate the island colony might eventually get more in federal financial aid than that provided at the time of union. But no firm financial commitments were involved.

TAKE OVER DEBT

At the time of union, the former federal Liberal administration agreed to take over a Newfoundland debt of \$47,600,000 and, among other things, provide a \$42,750,000 transitional grant to be spread over a 12-year period.

It also agreed to set up a royal commission within eight years after union—and this was done—to review the province's financial position to see what additional financial aid, if any, might be required. But Ottawa did not commit itself to accept the commission's recommendations.

The three-man royal commission, headed by Chief Justice John B. McNeil of New Brunswick, former Liberal premier of that province, was set up Feb. 21, 1957. Its report was made public last July 25.

## Fire Takes 4 In Family

A savage Easter holiday fire has taken the lives of a mother and three of her children at Magdalen Islands, Que.

Victims of Monday's fire at Amherst Island near Grindstone in the Magdalen Islands were Mrs. Edmond Cyr, 28, her daughters Dorothee, 5, Roland, 4, and a five-month-old son Edouard.

The father, Edmond Cyr, 29, is in critical condition in hospital. A two-year-old daughter, Salange, is in hospital with burns and facial cuts.

## Fall Of Snow Is 15 Inches

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—A weekend blizzard dumped 15 inches of snow on the Avalon Peninsula and sections of the south coast snarling traffic and leaving at least 21 persons temporarily stranded.

Hardest hit was St. John's which was just showing signs of recovering from one of the worst winters in recent memory. A February storm took six lives. The Easter parade was forgotten as people here tried to dig out buried cars and restore some semblance of order.

## MISSING NOTE IS NOT MISSED

NEW YORK (AP)—One of the notes on the organ at Carnegie Hall was broken, but organist Bruce Prince — John played on with the New York Philharmonic Sunday.

Leonard Bernstein, philharmonic music director, turned to the concert audience and said: "Mr. Prince-John has asked me to make an announcement. One of the notes on the organ is broken."

"Since it is an important note in the concerto (Handel's organ concerto in F major), he asks your indulgence. We have had an organ fixing man work all day, but the note still is not fixed."

One reviewer said: "It was a very pleasant performance and the one note was not missed."

## Marchers Hit London

LONDON (Reuters)—A four-mile-long column of nearly 10,000 men, women and children marched into London Monday in a demonstration against nuclear weapons.

It was one of the biggest demonstrations seen in London since depression days.

Thousands more Londoners waited in Trafalgar Square to join the marchers after a four-day, 50-mile trek from Aldermaston, where Britain's atomic weapons are made.

The marchers—guided through traffic by policemen the whole route—silenced their improvised bands and singing when they reached Parliament Square and marched in silence past government offices in Whitehall and Prime Minister Macmillan's residence at 10 Downing Street.

## LONELY DRUM BEAT

The only noise was a single drum beating out in morse code the letter "ND"—for nuclear disarmament.

The column swelled constantly as it wound through London suburbs into the centre of the city. Many persons watching from sidewalks joined in with the weary marchers.

## India's Sympathy Runs With Rebels

By WATSON SIMS  
NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru declared India's sympathy for Tibetan rebels Monday and spurned Communist China's attempt to smother Indian Parliamentary discussion of the rebellion.

But he held to his hands-off policy toward the revolt, and turned down demands in Parliament that India promise to admit all Tibetan refugees, as Austria did in the 1956 Hungarian revolt.

"There are many vast differences in this situation," Nehru said when asked about following the Austrian example. "Obviously I cannot say that if large crowds come we will automatically admit them all. I tell you we would not admit them. No country could or should say it will admit everybody that comes."

Nehru faced a barrage of questions as Parliament met for the first time since the Chinese government announced Saturday it had suppressed a major revolt in Lhasa, capital of the isolated mountain land, thrown out the government of the Buddhist godking, the Dalai Lama, and elevated in his place his rival, the Panchen Lama.

NEAR BORDER?

(Reuters News Agency said in a dispatch from Kalimpong, India, that the Dalai Lama Monday night was reported to be near the Indian border, but his exact whereabouts was being kept secret.)

The events in Tibet have stirred widespread feeling in India because of long trade and religious links with the Tibetans.

For the first time since 1951 Indian demonstrators marched on the Chinese embassy here Monday, shouting "Chinese bandits quit Tibet."

Thousands of Buddhists in Ladakh, a province of Kashmir, adopted a resolution asking India to intervene to "save the Buddhist religion and shrines in Tibet."

In Bombay, a crowd of 300 marched on the Chinese consulate shouting "death to Communist dictatorship."

Peiping has said 4,000 rebels were captured, and Tibetan sources have reported 5,000 were killed in a bloody two days in the lofty capital behind the Himalays.

FIGHTING CONTINUED

But fighting was reported continuing in the windswept mountains and valleys. Authorities on Tibetan life expressed doubt that the Tibetans would ever accept the Panchen Lama as their leader.

## Wallop Is Strong Yanks Tell Soviet

By FRED S. HOFFMAN  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia would be flattened by a nuclear wallop if it attacked now, U.S. military leaders said Monday.

They said the American military machine—built around long-range bombers, missiles and missile-launching submarines—is growing at a pace to deter any such military adventure in the future.

This assessment was given by members of the joint chiefs of staff in secret testimony made public by the House of Representatives appropriations committee after security censoring. Their views, given in January and February, were supported by Defence Secretary Neil McElroy Monday in a speech to the Economic Club in Detroit.

McElroy said American nuclear striking power is "sufficient to destroy the Soviet Union if it should attack us."

As for the years to come, McElroy said, "we believe that our planned military programs will keep us, as we are now, ahead of the Soviet Union in sheer strength at any projected point in the future."

The defence secretary said the West also will continue to have the means to cope with brushfire, or limited type, wars in which Russia might not become directly involved.

## POPE GIVES EASTER BLESSING

Wearing three-tiered crown, Pope John XXIII blesses thousands of pilgrims packed in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City on Easter day. The 77-year-old Pontiff stands on the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica, the same loggia on which he was crowned supreme sovereign of the Roman Catholic Church less than five months ago. He gave his special blessing "Urbi et Orbi"—to the city and the world—in a pouring rain. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Rome).

## CHILL MYSTIFICATION

## Red Crackdown On Tibet Is Termed Brutal, Blind

By JOSEPH MACSWEN  
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The crackdown on Tibet by the Red Chinese was so brutal and apparently so blind that it has spread a sort of chill mystification around the world.

In the absence of direct reports from the remote mountain country, the story is necessarily incomplete. But the Red Chinese themselves have tacitly admitted the extent of the rebellion by announcing that 4,000 prisoners were taken.

The harshness of the Chinese hands-off policy, Peiping has pointed an angry, accusing finger at India which has been carefully walking a middle road in the ideological struggle between East and West.

Above all, the Communists have deplored the Dalai Lama, the godking venerated by the Tibetans ever since the 13th century.

Some sources see in all this evidence of unknown stresses and fears in Peiping.

The one close symbol emerging from the confused reports out of Tibet is the Dalai Lama, the 23-year-old "living Buddha" who now has been replaced by the rival Panchen Lama, 21.

Although the Chinese subdued Tibet in 1950, it has been apparent that the mountain people never really stopped looking upon the young Dalai Lama as their rightful religious and political head.

Not only did he rule by divine right, he himself was god, in the Tibetan view. The dangers of trying to upset such a concept are obvious. The Communists have been trying to do so for years—hence the Panchen Lama, who is considered their puppet.

## 'Goon' Edition Is Blamed On 'Beat Up' Generation

VANCOUVER (CP)—Al Forrest, 34-year-old editor of the University of British Columbia student newspaper *Ubyesey*, has blamed the "beat generation" for producing objectionable parts of the paper's "goon" edition last week.

But, he said, he will accept full responsibility for the publication, described by student council president Peter Meekison as "sacrilegious and disgusting."

Mr. Forrest, a student teacher, has been ordered to appear before the faculty discipline committee Thursday to explain publication of three photographs which satirized Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The student council has suspended the entire editorial board and staff of *Ubyesey*.

Mr. Forrest said he had been asked by Mr. Meekison to name the staff members responsible for the objectionable material, described by university president Dr. Norman MacKenzie as "in extremely bad taste."

WON'T NAME THEM

"I have refused to name them," Mr. Forrest said. "I will not name them but I shall accept full responsibility myself, even if I am expelled."

"I myself was disgusted by the material which satirized the Easter tradition. I am a Christian and subscribe to the religious traditions."

"However, this sort of thing is not new. It is a fad by the fringe element of the beat generation to protest against what they think are hollow conventions."

"They did not intend to be sacrilegious, of that I am sure."

"Personally, I think that many of the things that now are normally done in the name of Easter—the commercialization, for instance—are just as sacrilegious, though they are accepted."

## Big Breaker Slowed In Ice

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)—Canada's biggest ice-breaking ferry, the William Carson, was making slow headway Monday night through thick drift ice to reach port here with 27 passengers.

The CNR auto ferry which plies the 96-mile-long Cabot Strait between here and Port aux Basques, Nfld., was five miles off shore. She left Port aux Basques late Saturday on the normally six-hour trip but encountered heavy ice off the Nova Scotia coast.

The Carson received some help Sunday after the icebreakers N. E. MacLean and Labrador. But the Labrador damaged her hull and was making slow progress for Halifax after undergoing temporary repairs.

Railway officials said it could not be certain when the ferry would be able to reach port.



MAYOR WENDELL R. Birt, left, and Fire Chief Edmond C. Lavis take a long, sad look at the ruins of what was their fire engine. They are probably thinking of how much damage they could have prevented had the pump been in action instead of falling a victim to the blaze.

## Souris Takes Rapid Action To Replace Fire Engines

SOURIS — Mayor Wendell Birt and his Souris council moved swiftly yesterday to provide the town with fire fighting equipment.

They met early in the morning and then drove to Montague, Charlottetown and Spring Park to give their town protection against future fires.

The council got the loan of an A.R.P. engine at Montague, another A.R.P. engine at Charlottetown and the pumper formerly used by the Spring Park Fire Department.

An A.R.P. pumper is a pump mounted on two rubber-tired wheels. It is driven by a gasoline engine and can throw a useful stream of water on a fire. The initials "A.R.P." stand for air raid precaution and the pump was a development of World War Two.

TRYOUT EQUIPMENT

The Souris fire department moved swiftly to get acquainted with the new equipment, as they used it last night to pour water on the still burning debris from the \$150,000 fire that wiped out an entire block early yesterday morning, after their own equipment had fallen victim to the blaze.

Cause of the blaze worst in Souris in more than 20 years, is unknown, although it is believed to have started in the Civic Building.

Breaking out shortly after midnight, the blaze soon enveloped four business establishments and three dwellings in flames. With firefighting equipment not in the blaze citizens formed bucket brigades and fought the blaze as well as they could while they awaited the arrival of the Charlottetown and Morell Fire Departments.

One man John J. Longacoff was injured when a 45-gallon oil drum exploded, flew across the street and hit him. The man was taken to the Charlottetown Hospital for treatment.

FIVE-HOUR FIGHT

Asked by an absence of winds, the Morell and Charlottetown firemen brought the fire under control some five hours after it broke out.

Buildings levelled by the blaze included:

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A "CARR" pole stands lonely over the grim scene of ruin caused by yesterday morning's fire in Souris. The picture shows a part of the devastation caused by the blaze which raged out of control for hours before it was finally brought under control.

## Disaster Service Provides Shelter

SOURIS —The Souris branch of the Red Cross Disaster Service moved quickly yesterday to relieve the suffering and hardship of 36 men, women and children, left homeless by the disastrous \$150,000 fire that wiped out seven buildings here early Monday morning.

Aided by Disaster Service workers from the Charlottetown branch, the Souris committee had all 36 people, comprising nine families, sheltered with friends and relatives by yesterday afternoon only a matter of a few hours after the blaze had destroyed nearly an entire town block.

The nine families lost everything in the fire. Many fled into the cold night air wearing little except night clothes. All possessions including furniture, clothes, bedding and books went up in flames. Only items reported saved from the blaze was a television set.

PROVIDE SHELTER

The Red Cross disaster committee moved immediately to provide shelter for the homeless. Workers from Charlottetown arrived on the scene at 6 a.m. yesterday morning.

Important clothing items, including shoes, suits, overcoats, overalls were provided immediately and groceries were purchased at Souris stores and provided by the committee for emergency relief later in the day.

The relief program was under the direction of James Innes, manager of the Bank of Commerce in Souris and chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Service branch.

Those left without a home by the fire included:

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence MacAulay and their nine children.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Poole.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stubbert.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fouchere.  
William LeBrecht.  
Ferdie Peters.  
Mr. and Mrs. Darius Bellegeron.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haselton.  
Mrs. Bernard Prout.